

Amendments to the Specification:

At page 1, after the title, please add the following paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from GB Application No. 0304524.2, filed February 27, 2003.

At page 1, lines 3-7, please amend as follows:

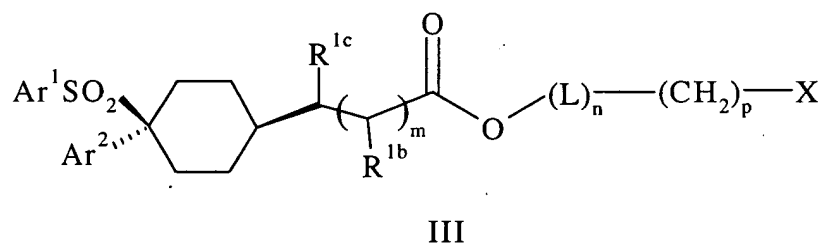
The present invention relates to a novel method of treating Alzheimer's disease, and to novel compounds, their salts and pharmaceutical compositions comprising them suitable for use in the said method. In particular, the invention relates to methods for the treatment or prevention of Alzheimer's disease which combine nitric oxide release with the inhibition of the formation or release of β -amyloid.

At page 1, lines 18-28, please amend as follows:

One approach to the treatment or prevention of Alzheimer's disease involves inhibition of the formation or release of $A\beta$, e.g by inhibition of one or more of the secretases, in particular γ -secretase. Compounds which inhibit γ -secretase are disclosed in WO 03/018543, US 2003/0114496, WO 01/53255, WO 01/66564, WO 01/70677, WO 01/90084, WO 01/77144, WO 02/30912, WO 02/36555, WO 02/081435 and WO 02/081433. Other compounds which inhibit the formation or release of $A\beta$ include those disclosed in WO 98/28268, WO 02/47671, WO 99/67221, WO 01/34639, WO 01/34571, WO 00/07995, WO 00/38618, WO 01/92235, WO 01/77086, WO 01/74784, WO 01/74796, WO 01/74783, WO 01/60826, WO 01/19797, WO 01/27108, WO 01/27091, WO 00/50391, WO 02/057252, US 2002/0025955 and US2002/0022621.

At page 9, lines 11-16, please amend as follows:

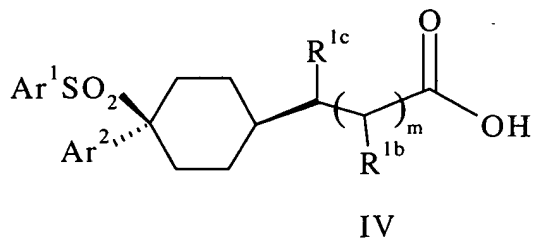
Compounds of formula II may be prepared by reaction of a compound of formula III with silver nitrate:



where X represents chlorine, bromine or iodine, and m, n, p, L₂ [[.]] R^{1b}, R^{1c}, Ar¹ and Ar² have the same meanings as before. The reaction takes place in refluxing acetonitrile with protection from light.

At page 9, lines 17-23, please amend as follows:

Compounds of formula III may be prepared by coupling of acids IV with HO-(L)_n-(CH₂)_p-X:



where X, m, n, p, L₂ [[.]] R^{1b}, R^{1c}, Ar¹ and Ar² have the same meanings as before. Any of the known techniques of esterification may be used, such as conversion of acids IV to the corresponding acid chlorides prior to treatment with the relevant hydroxy compound in the presence of base.